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ZEEK FREAR, OF YAZOO.

PUTS A GRAVEYARD INTO THE CENSUS.

Him with the books! Thet's the fed'ral census taker.
You know him, Si! Red Jim's Sid—Sid Baker;
Around gittin' folks' names down
Here in the woods an' thar in town.
An' the word hez bin pass'd here in Massisip,
We must hev lots ov people or lose our grip;
For they say the "divy" ov Kongriss lawmakers
Goes by the count ov them census-takers:
Which is a mighty po' way ov doin',
An' don't give we a rail square showin';
For tain't healthy for Yanks to come here an' stay:
An' them foreign coots goes off some other way;
An' ez for raisin' from the fust foundashun,
The Yanks they can beat we to all roonation,
For young uns don't peter out so fast up there
Ez they do down here in this hot, swampy air;
An' what's wuss, thar be Southe'ns goin' thar ev'ry year—
An' to stay. Twict ez meny ez be Yanks comin' here,
Which is given the Yanks such heft of pop'lashun,
That ther's gettin to be no show for the Confederit Nashun.
But I hely'd them out here, you bet!
What! only yeu, an' me an' mawm, an' Bill,
An' Charley, an' Hank, an' Petey, an' Syl.
Yaas, sartin'! Thet's sol Charley long ago died;
An' Hank lies in the pineys clost to his side;
An' Syl he threw up the rag
At Chickamauga, under Bragg;
An' up there at Natchez, under the hill,
A little skrimage put an eend to Bill;
An' thet little boy Petey yeu never know'd,
Eggsacly! He wilted 'fore yeu ever crowed.
But them names all I gave him—them eight—
For the good ov this glor'ous Confedrit State.
Thet's the orders pass'd round; an' what's to prevent us
From pushin' our graveyards in t the census?

STRANGE.

Child kidnapped in Ohio. Sold into slavery in Cuba. Final release from bondage.

TOLEDO, O., September 2.—A young colored girl of more than average intelligence arrived in this city to-day, and relates a startling story which carries with it conviction and truth. She says that her name is Maggie Brooks, her age 16. Fourteen years ago her parents resided in Toledo. It was at that time she was kidnapped by a French woman who was traveling through this country, and taken to Cuba. Maggie was brough up a slave, treated as such and given to understand that she was the personal property of Mrs. Ward, the woman who had stolen her. The usage she received at this woman's hands was most barbarous. She was shamefully maltreated for no cause whatever, and on more than one occasion Mrs. Ward fired a pistol at her. Once she was struck and the bullet still remains in her flesh, lodged against the collarbone, and can be felt with the hand. The unfortunate girl was not only treated in the most barbarous manner, but was fed with the vilest kinds of food. Meat of dogs, cat and mice were given her to eat, and she was obliged to partake of this disgusting stuff or starve. She was given a fair education, and taught to make wax flowers and paint pictures. In this work she became remarkably proficient. At the time of the centennial Mrs. Ward took her to Philadelphia, and made a great deal of money by selling flowers and pictures which the girl made. Maggie was also taken to California and to the Paris Exposition of 1878, where large profits were also realized by her handiwork. The most remarkable part of the girl's story is that referring to her deliverance from bondage. At the time of General Grant's visit to Cuba, Maggie managed to make known to him the fact that she was an American citizen. The ex-president lost no time in procuring the girl's release, which he effected in his usual quiet way without any fuss or noise and without mentioning it to any one who would be likely to publish the occurrence. General Grant had the girl taken to Galveston, Texas. From that city she begged and worked her way to this city, in hopes of obtaining intelligence concerning her parents from whom she had been taken fourteen year before.

The Stars of Autumn.

The fall months bring with them a new set of constellation to take the place of the summer stars, and act as ushers to the greater glories of the winter heavens. Along in September, when the brilliant Vega is sinking in the west, Capella, the most beautiful, though not the greatest, of the northern stars, is rising in the northeast. South of Capella, and rising a little later, are the storied Pleiades, or Seven Stars, which may claim precedence over all others, for historic interest. These Virgins of the Spring, as they are sometimes called, because they they arise with the sun in May, share with Orion and Arcturus the peculiar honor of having their name inscribed in the book of Job. It requires a very good eye to detect more than six stars in the Pleiades. The seventh is very dim, and ancients accounted for the fact by saying that one of the sisters married a mortal and then hid her head for shame. The Pleiades now rise a little before 10 o'clock in the evening.

Later in the fall the farmers' boys, who are by no means unmindful of the beauty of the autumn sky, when returning home at night from the husking bees, often point to a peculiar group of stars in the east, shaped exactly like the letter V. These are the Hyades, fabled to be the sisters of the Seven Stars. The brilliant red star in the upper left-hand corner of the letter is Aldebaran, or the Bull's eye.

Still later, when Andromeda is shining overhead, and the huge outlines of the Whale, the largest of the constellations, cover the southern sky, the twins, Castor and Pollux, rise, and with them rise the giant Orion, with his lion's skin chasing the bull. But Orion, of the "flaming wonders" of whose belt Edward Everett never wearied of talking, belongs rather to the winter evenings, when, shining near the meridian, with the great dog at his heels he seems to reflect his glory over the whole heavens.

The evening sky will be made particularly attractive this fall by Jupiter and Saturn, which shine very close together, and attain their greatest brilliancy within a few weeks of one other. Jupiter is in perihelion near the end of September, and it will be twelve years before he is so bright again.

An Episode.

On Monday last Hon. Frederick Douglass dined, by invitation, with Hon. R. J. Bright, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, at the Denison. After dinner Mr. Bright, Mr. Douglass, Hons. J. C. Gorham and H. Kimbro paid public school No. 24 a visit. There are few men in Indiana who have and deserve to have a larger circle of devoted personal friends than R. J. Bright.

Mr. Bright's courteous treatment of Mr. Douglass is one of the signs of of the times which we hail with pleasure.—*Leader.*

At the Louisville, *Ky.* fair, white, last week, colored people were not allowed to enter the Floral Hall under any circumstances; not even as servant.—*Ex.*

PHILADELPHIA.

GRAND LITERARY R-EOPENING.

To the People's Advocate:

MR. EDITOR:—The grand opening exercise of the Bethel Historical and Literary Association of Bethel A. M. E. church, of this city, took place last Tuesday evening. It brought together many of the best society of this city with their faces beaming with health after long absence in the country or at the sea shore.

Literature was well represented in the persons of Miss Fannie M. Jackson, Mr. E. A. Bouchet, Revs. Phillips, Reeve, Coppin, Shaffer and many others. If I should attempt to name them all, it would take up more space than you allow me. The exercises were commenced with prayer by Rev. P. Moot of the Episcopal church. After prayer, a letter of resignation was read from the president of the association, Robert J. Holland, stating his inability to be present at the opening exercises; also declining to act as president any longer. Acting president, Dr. S. C. Frisby, addressed the association in a nice manner, stating what he expected to do this winter with the assistance of the members. Miss Mary L. Miller responded in a very clear voice to the president by a well written essay which showed much study and a very good delivery. A solo by Mrs. Howard, who has a very sweet voice, gave us a treat well worth listening to. The church choir from time to time gave us some of their choice selections of music in the intervals between the speakers. Rev. J. B. Reeve delivered a grand address. It was one of his best efforts, and a masterpiece so full of good, practical and wholesome advice. He advised the members of the association to sit at the feet of the old members of the church from which the above association derives its name, for there are volumes of unwritten history of our race and church that will die with these people; that the members might collect points here and there and write them up, whereby important links in the chain of facts could be obtained for history. Rev. C. T. Shaffer of Allen Chapel was the next speaker; he was of the same opinion as Mr. Reeve, that the B. H. L. A. was the proper party to make research into the history of our church. He said that the association ought to be encouraged to go on in the good work, and before long there would be many who would cast their lots with the association. Mr. William Still spoke a few words of encouragement to the association. The resignation of the president, Robert J. Holland, was accepted, and a resolution of regret, and testifying to his worth, was passed. The association will meet regularly every Tuesday evening.

Brains and Color.

We have quite a strong and striking testimony from the Superintendent of Public Instruction at Louisville, Ky. This gentleman is a Democrat in politics, and a man of altogether Southern views and sympathies. But he has made in substance the following statement to the president of another of the Freedman's colleges: "I have, under my charge, besides the white children of the city, some thirty or forty colored schools. The pupils in these schools are examined by the same committee, with the same examination papers, in the absence of their teachers with the whites. And their average proficiency proves fully equal to that of their Caucasian competitors. My deliberate conclusion from six years of experience in this office is, that color has no connection with capacity to learn." And he added, in reply to questions, that he saw no essential difference in ability between the mulattoes, and the pure blacks. This, too, is the universal testimony of experienced teachers in the South. The mulattoes, who themselves or whose parents have been formerly employed as house-servants, have often a certain self-possession and knowledge of the world that give them, at first, the advantage. But, as studies advance, and the class comes down to the tug and strain of earnest work, the sable youth proves fully a match for his yellow classmate. It is only theorizers without knowledge of facts who assume the intellectual inferiority of the Negro.—*The Chicago Advance.*

We recognize the dilemma in which the South is placed by the introduction of a new political element, composed mainly of tne ignorant and the indigent, but we find in the manner in which that dilemma has been met evidences of the survival in those communities which still control the Democratic party of the ideas and habits nourished by slavery, in the just adherence of which the Republican party had its birth and finds a necessary for its continued existence.

Gen. Hancock is a gallant soldier and an honest, loyal gentleman, but in fitness for the Presidency of the United States he cannot be compared to his competitor. He possess neither civil training nor experience. His character and purposes are no purer than those of Gen. Grant, his capacity is less, and neither the experience of the country nor his own history or surroundings afford any reason for supposing that his administration would be even as successful as that of General Grant.—*Address of Independent Republican of N. Y.*

Summer's heat

relaxes the system and renders us liable to attacks of diarrhœa, dysentety, blood-flux, cholera-morbus, cramps in stomach, colic, and other painful and dangerous affections for which Dr. Pierce's Compound Extract of Smart-Weed—compounded from the best French brandy, Jamaica ginger, smart-weed, or water-pepper, anodyne soothing and healings gums and balsams, is a most potent specific. It is equally efficacious in breaking up colds, fevers, and inflammatory attacks. Every household should be supplied with it. Fifty cents by druggist.

MAXIMS.

—We hold reunions, not for the Dead, for there is nothing in all the eart that you and I can do for the Dead. They are past our help and past our praise. We can add to them no glory, we can give to them no immortality. They do not need us, but forever and ever more we need them.

—Poverty is uncomfortable, as I can testify; but nine times out of ten is the best thing that happen to a young man to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself. In all my acquaintance I never knew a man to be drowned who was worth the saving.

—The privilege of being a young man is a great privilege, and the privilege of growing up to be an independent man in middle life is a greater.

—We are never without a man or a motto to shout over.

—It is no honor profit merely to appear in the arena, The wreath is for those who contend.

—The principles of ethics have not changed by the lapse of years.

—No man can make a speech alone. It is the great human power that strikes up from a thousand minds that acts upon him and makes the speech.—*Gen. Garfield.*

A Lake of Soap Suds.

For bitterness and promiscuous meanness, the waters of Mono Lake surpass those of the Dead sea. They contain so much alkali that, on a windy day, the lake is a regular tub of soap suds. The writer has seen a wall of lather five feet high along the whole of that shore against which the waves were beating. Occasionally the wind would take up a bunch of this lather as big as a bushel basket and carry it several hundred feet inland. So buoyant are the waters of the lake that quite a party of men may navigate them on a raft made of four or five dry cotton-wood poles.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

After The Battle.

A colored individual, whose left arm was missing, was yesterday soliciting a small loan on Griswold street, and in recommendation of himself he stated that he lost his arm after the fight in the Wilderness.

"Was it in the fight?"

"No sah; it was arter de fight. Dat were a powerful hot time, I tell ye. De balls flew aroun' like snowflakes, de cannons roared, an' I 'spected to be killed for hull half a day."

"But you were not hit?"

"No, sah; I 'spected to be, but I wasn't."

"But how did you lose your arm?"

"I lost it arter the battle, sah."

"Under what circumstances?"

"Well' sah, all de circumstances I eber heard of was dat I had it cut off wid a buzz saw."

"When?"

"Two years ago, sah."

"And you call this losing your arm after the battle of the Wilderness?"

"Yes, sah. I'ze hard up, sah, but I doan' want to lie to you. If I'd lost it befo' de battle I'd say so, but it was arter de battle."

"Well, I guess it was," said the man, after a long pause, and he went down for a dime.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Wonderful Number.

Here is something to scratch your head over. A very curious number is 142,857, which, multiplied by 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 gives the same figures in the same order, beginning at a different point, but if multiplied by 7 gives all nines:

142,857x1	equal	142,857
142,857x2	"	285,714
142,857x3	"	428,571
142,857x4	"	571,428
142,857x5	"	714,285
142,857x6	"	857,142
142,857x7	"	999,999

Multiply 142,857 by 8 and you have 1,142,856; then add the first figure to the last and you have 142,857, the original number, with figures exactly the same as at the start.—*British Scientist.*

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of Ohio.
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CHESTER A. ARTHUR,
of New York.

There are so few Democratic Negroes that they are hardly worth mentioning.—*Dispatch.*

How's that Brothers Shaw, Councill and Scott? The *Dispatch* is the simon pure organ in Virginia.

Correspondents are notified that we do not keep a "chit-chat" column. Items of interest are always solicited, but when no signature is given us we can not publish them.

Dr. Crummell, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Washington, D. C., says the *People's Advocate*, is soon to introduce a choir of white vocalists in that church.—*American Sentinel.*

True, the ADVOCATE did say so; but there is not a word of truth in the statement. The item was furnished by a member of our staff and in type before it was discovered. Dr. Crummell is not reduced to the necessity of introducing a choir of white vocalists to furnish his congregation with acceptable music.

The people of this District would like to know why the trial of "Big Foot Johnson" has not yet come off. The alleged murderers of Hirth were rushed from arrest to arraignment, trial, conviction and sentence. Is it less criminal to murder an inoffensive Negro than a white man?

It's a good sign of colored journalism when a quill driver gets married. He can then find solace after worrying over and revising bad mss., giving out copy, looking in vain for remittances from delinquent subscribers, and assuming a fierce aspect to dismay dissatisfied readers. If he remained in the condition of single blessedness, with naught but his journalistic duties to contend with, his features never relaxing their stern angularity, he would be the most dreadful looking creature in town; but Hymen draws her shaft, and he falls a victim. The latest is Rev. D. J. Sanders, of the *Afrio-American Presbyterian*, of Wilmington, N. C., who married last week, and made our city a flying trip.

Here's our hand, brother Sanders, be consoled; John Quincy Adams, of the *Bulletin* and "Freddy" Barnett, late of the *Freeman's Journal*, will shortly follow.

A plea for Union.

In our last we gave our readers a short description of the Colored Preacher's Union so recently founded in this city. We also spoke of the importance of such a union, and named four topics which we promised to discuss in our next. We shall not attempt to exhaust either one of these because the size of our paper demands that we should be brief. In the first place we hold that if we were more united, it would make us stronger as a race; (a) stronger financially. All of our right thinking men will admit this as a fact. For the great subject of discussion with us to-day is money or money's worth. Every intelligent colored person sees our great need of it. Not a single colored man who loves his race thinks of our poverty without being severely pained; for he knows that poverty is the cause of much inconvenience, and that it brings great suffering to his people, and it keeps them in ignorance and degrades them in the eyes of those who have wealth. As a mass, we are very poor; we have neither railroads nor steamships, neither telegraphs nor telephones; neither rolling mills nor founderies; neither factories nor machine shops; no gold mines or silver mines, or anything that is very great. It is true that some of us own a few acres of land, a few houses, and a few dollars; but what is this among so many? Many have done well among us in the way of getting property according to the chance they have had; but, it seems to us that there is an honest way to accumulate wealth faster them we do, and the first step towards it, is a union of colored people all over the country. The preachers of the different denominations should first be friendly; and from the friendship of the preachers would spring the friendship of the churches, which would make us forget denominational differences, and we would regard efforts that are being put forth for the elevation of the race, of far more importance than the religious dogmas that now separate us and keep us constantly worrying with one another.

Some of us have strong denominational prejudice, for instance a colored man opens a store who is a member of a Methodist church and a Baptist will not patronize him, or if he be a Baptist the Methodist will not patronize him, if he be a Catholic neither Methodist, Baptist nor any other evangelical person will like to trade with him. If they give any patronage at all it will only be when they are compelled to do so. A spirit of union would make us forget such prejudice and we would give a helping hand to any brother, it matters not what his religious faith may be, if we saw that he was endeavoring to rise, and we would work hard to keep the little money together and open up industries. Building associations would be more extensively organized and other co operative unions and in a few years here would be a fine hotel, there a cotton factory, yonder a rolling mill, and in an other place a fine farm employing a large number of hands, and the leading men of these co-operative efforts would urge their help to take shares in the stock, and by such an investment they would save the thousands of dollars that they throw away for excursions on rail roads and steam ships in the summer time. The money that our people spend for excursions every year is immense! In Atlanta Ga., there is a very large depot, they say it cost one hundred thousand dollars, and it is said that this depot was built out of excursion money paid by the colored people. This depot was built several years ago. Now suppose those who spent all that money in the state of Ga. for excursions, had taken it and built a cotton factory like the one Kimball put up in Atlanta, how much better off the colored people of that state would be to day, this is only a single instance of a single state. When we think of the fondness of our people for this pleasure, the money spent by them in all the states put together for excursions must amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars every summer. We hold that a union of our people would put a stop to this extravagance, and our money would be spent in a way to give us wealth, instead of poverty. But we disagree with one another so much that it is exceedingly hard to get two hundred colored men to agree in any enterprise that will tend to our advancement. Perhaps some of us have a dim recollection of the old Latin fable of a father who had two sons who were accustomed to quarrel very often, and in order to teach them a lesson, one day he got some sticks and tied them but neither could break them together in a bundle and then he called the two boys and asked each one to break the bundle; both tried but neither could break it. Then the father untied them and asked the boys to take up each stick separately and break it, this each one did with ease. The old man had the boys to understand from this that as long as they could agree they would be like the bundle which could not be broken, but disagreeing they would be broken to pieces. "A hint to the wise is sufficient." That union would make us stronger financially, is proven from the success of Miss Fanny Jackson in the city of Philadelphia last year, in an attempt to get up a fair to help the *Christian Recorder*. When Miss Jackson heard of the distress of the A. M. E. Book Concern she proposed to certain persons to get up a bazar to aid the paper; quite a number of people put their heads together and did so and they netted six hundred dollars by the operation and thus helped to save the strongest and most influential colored organ in the country. If one or two hundred people can do so much by uniting in such a small enterptise, how much more can thousands do?

BALTIMORE NOTES

—The brisk and lively appearance of our streets on Sunday last went to prove that the summer season is at an end. The young men whose absence have been notable for some months appear in their places on Sabbath attired in all of the fall styles while the young ladies who have been boating and fishing at the several places of resort, were handsomely attired in everything that possessed the power of embellishment and adorning. Among the latest returned homeare Miss Maggie Mason and Miss Jackson from Newport, and Mrs. Mary Lee and Ellen Johnson from Longe Branch. The churches presented an animated appearance and the many vacant pews found occupants. The parlors presented brilliant appearances and the conversation of the gentlemen visitors was unusually interesting. The descriptions of the beautiful scenery along the Hudson River, N. Y., the habits, talk and manner of the Northern people their association and acquaintances was such that I cannot describe by a pen. If next Sabbath is pleasant the scenes of last Sunday will be far in the shade as the constant arrival of the pleasure seekers only goes to augment the scenes.

—Messrs. John Williams and Lloyd Toomey left here shortly for an extended tour through Boston. Mr. Williams was formerly correspondent of the ADVOCATE.

—Miss Alice Dickson of Philadelphia will be a guest of our city for two weeks. She passed the summer at Spring Lake.

—Mr. James Jackson of Chestertown, Md., was in the city on Saturday attending to important business.

—At the convention of the 4th Legislative District Mr. S. Q. Sanks the great juvenive orator of our city with unconvened head a great demeanor and being a delegate to the convention to nominate candidate for Congress, rose in his place and after delivering a panegyrie upon his choice, nominated for Congress Dr. H. J. Brown. Though it was somewhat a surprise to the white delegates, his name was received with applause and the result of balloting stood Pratt 34, Brown 8. Mr. Pratt his competitor receiving the highest number of votes was declared unanimously to be the choice of the convention. This is another step onward and upward for our people and which they themselves have made. It is only by such efforts that our people can attain that mark of distinction that it is destined they shall attain.

—The wedding campaign is now fairly opened and the gentlemen have begun to select the choice of their youth. Mr Edward Fisher new resident of this city returned from Richmond last week with his bride and Mr. Shalrach Howard also of this city returned from Norfolk with his bride, a Miss Kemp. Both are pleasantly enjoying the honey-moon and received an enthusiastic welcome from their many friends. Dr. J. M. Johnson will be married on Wednesday 22d inst. at the North St. Baptist Church to Miss Maria Alexander. The particulars of the same will appear in my next notes.

—I am in receipt of a communication from Mr. J. W. Cromwell giving the names of subscribers to the ADVOCATE whose time has expired. I take pleasure of informing them that they may expect to see me soon.

—The ADVOCATE is improving in every way, and any one desiring a spicy, interesting and well written paper should subscribe to it.

—Cadet J. C. Whittaker has been invited to deliver a lecture before St. Paul's Lyceum.

"GOLIAH."

MISS BUTLER'S CASE!

WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT.

DEAR CORDELIA:—The affair of which I wrote you last, develops some very startling facts, which interest all who have or expect to have connection with our schools.

It seems that the young lady in question, (Minerva) was dropped from the list of teachers without having any reasons assigned for the act.

She went to see one of the trustees the very day (June 30) she noticed that her name was not published in the list of teachers, and asked him for his reasons, which he declined to give, but told her in the presence of her brother-in-law that it was a *personal* affair between her and himself.

She wrote to the members of the sub-board asking, not for an interview, nor for re-appointment, but for an investigation; (they, poor fellows, did not know the difference), but her request was unnoticed; she then sent a communication to the General Board, which, the "Economist" told her, was referred back to the sub-board, although the daily papers, in which an account of the proceedings of the meeting was published, did not mention the fact. (That was August 30.)

However, the sub-board sent for her on the 2nd of September to attend a meeting that night, which she did. She was accompanied by her brother who was politely (?) requested to relieve them of his company and leave them his room, which he did.

After the incalculably important part of the preliminaries, (that of assigning the different places to the different men) was arranged, the chairman of the "Society for the Making of Rules for the Proper Education of the Colored Youth of Washington and Georgetown," proceeded to inform the young lady why she was "dropped."

After a pause of five seconds, "the indispensable attache of the House Library," (prefacing his speech by saying that he never said that the affair was a personal one), articulated as follows, viz:

First Charge—"After having visited the morning schools, I was standing at the door talking to the principal, when you came from your school-room, *tying your apron strings*, and then passed back into the room, shutting the door in my face."

Second Charge—"You failed to have me indorse your checks."

Third Charge—"You met me at church, and did not speak to me."

The young lady had breath enough left to gasp. "What do you call those but personal charges?" She was answered by a silence more eloquent than words.

After a little side skirmishing about the word "dropped," to which the "Economist" objected, they unanimously decided, then and there, that they have a perfect right to re-appoint or not, any teacher whatever, and that the young lady before them was not "dropped," but simply "not re-appointed."

This decision being satisfactory to themselves, they condescended to ask "Minerva" to state what she would have them do.

"Publish the charges of 'the attache,'" said she. They said they would as "Insubordination and Disrespect to School-officers."

She ventured to ask the meaning of "insubordination," but they were busy deciding some very important question and did not hear her.

The "Economist" then remarked, "I have a charge; I was informed that you said you would not go to the 'niggers' for information, but obtained your knowledge from the white man." Minerva answered, "I did, with the exception of the word 'niggers;' I used the term 'Negroes.' I had asked 'the attache' *twice* for the reasons; he refused to give them; you knew nothing of the affair, so I went to another trustee." "Perfectly right," was the reply, "for had you come to me I should have told you nothing."

Minerva, after a few moments, asked them separately, commencing with the "Sphinxes," whether she had been disrespectful to them. The "Syhinxes" said, "no miss;" the "Economist said, after a *little* thought, "I think I did meet you once and you did not speak." She then said, "I have only been disrespectful to the 'attache,' then, and was answered by "What affects one, affects all." (I concur.)

Now, my dear friend, read and re-read those fearful charges, and the extracts from the conversation, backward, forward, or any other way, and see if you observe anything that would warrant the dropping of a teacher. I say, any man who would present such rubbish, and any set of men who would sustain the dropping of a teacher for such unheard of reasons, should be dropped themselves. I know you are ready to laugh at the charges; but think of spending a whole summer in wondering what offence had been committed, what rule had been broken, and to have four men (?) summon you before them to listen to such consummate nonsense.

I am now wondering what her friends will do to have justice done; most of the teachers are afraid to see her very often, for they might be "dropped" for associating with one who is under the ban.

I hope the affair will be speedily sifted to the bottom by an able person.

One of the trustees of the other city schools said that she could not possibly be dropped for personal reasons, and she has several witnesses besides herbrother-in-law, to whom "the attache" has said that it was a personal affair.

In the next place, if they have the right to re-appoint or not re-appoint without giving reasons, and this case is an example under the rule, then there was no necessity for a meeting, for the rule covered the case; if, on the other hand she was dropped for those reasons cited, then the righteous indignation of the people should prevail, and the men who perpetrated the outrage should certainly feel the weight of popular wrath. She was informed that her "reputation as a lady could not be touched," and her ability as a teacher was of the best." Also, that if she went elsewhere to obtain work she should receive "a recommendation of the best."

Think of giving a teacher who is calculated to spoil the "discipline" of our schools, who is insubordinate and disrespectful to trustees, a *good* recommendation to spoil the discipline of the schools in another place!

Well, I must stop here, or I will say bad things; however, I am comforted by the knowledge, that,

"The mills of the Gods grind slowly,
But they grind exceeding small;
Though with patience stands he waiting,
With exactness grinds he all."

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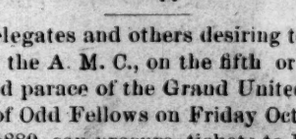

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Brief communications and inquiries for this column are invited. It is, as its name implies, devoted to the interests of the order.—Ed.

At the regular meeting of Star of the West Lodge 1369 held Wednesday Sept., 22, P. N. F. Abraham Haysen, declined his position as delegate to the 35th A. M. C., to be held at Richmond whereupon P. N. F., J. W. Cromwell was unanimously chosen in his stead.

The following officers were elected E. S., W. S. Brooks; P. N. F., W. J. Gordon; P. S. Abram Haysen; Treasurer J. A. Clark; and Chaplin, F. M. Diffs.

IN PRESS: "Turning points in Odd Fellowship;' an address delivered before the 23rd anniversary of the introduction of the order in Washington October, 16 1879 and in Baltimore, last Feb. by P. N. F., J. W. Cromwell. Price five cents a copy.

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Washington Cadet Corps.

The Washington Cadet Corps on Tuesday last, had a company drill, the corps formed at their armory with fifty men in line at half past 8 o'clock, and marched to Scott Circle where they went through the different movements being witnessed by quite a crowd of spectators. The corps drilled well considering the short time they have been organized all they need is the encouragement of their friends, as this company is composed of our best young men and are making efforts to uniform themselves. The corp was officered by Capt. Graham, Lients. Brockenborough Contee and Proctor.

Methodist Preachers Union.

There was quite a lively time in the preachers meeting Monday morning. Elder Fitzhugh was received in the Union Monday morning. We tried to get some money out of him for coming in so late but brother Wilson objected. We will fix friend Wilson yet for that. A committee was appointed to devise ways and means to consummate a Union of all the colored preachers in the city.

HILLSDALE.

Bethlehem Baptist.

—The third quarterly review of the Bethlehem Baptist S. S. which was held on Sunday Sept. 19th, was of much interest. The eleven lessons of the quarter were represented by eleven scholars of the school. The exercises were opened with singing which was followed by the reading of the scriptures by J. M. Shippen and prayer by A. K. Manning. The reports of the second and third quarters was read, showing that the school had raised $67.50, and increased twenty in number. During the two quarters 2,500 lesson sheets and 62 Baptist teachers have been used.

—The Sabbath Schools of Good Gope church, Zion Baptist, and the Pioneer S. S. participated in the exercises.

—Interesting addresses were delivered by Cadet Whittaker of West Point, Mr. Baxter of the Uniontown school, Mr. J. C. Nalle and Mr. Bell.

—The Services at John Wesley Church last Sabbath. Rev. S. S. Wales of Zion Wesley preached in the morning. In the afternoon Dr. Peck of Asbury church preached and the choir from the same church being present furnished the music, with which the audience was very much pleased. In the evening Rev. Ross preached the closing sermon which was much enjoyed. A good collection was taken through the day. This church has improved very much under the ministration of Rev. Ross.

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LOCAL.

—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—The pic nic for the *Era* last week, was not patronized as liberally as it should have been.

—Mr. J. Wm. Cole received a very flattering offer to connect himself with the Rogers combination at Boston.

—Mr. Frank R. Freeman has been confined to his residence with the malarial fevey.

—Henry Johnson of the *Era* is convalescent.

—The new organist at the St. Luke's church is said to be a very superior one.

—Mocking Bird Food Loose or Can 30 cts. Clark's.

—M. M. Patterson our former active agent returned here last week from Jordan Alum Springs, He leaves this week for some point in the far West.

—Pure Rye whiskey 4 years old large bottle 75 cts. Clarks.

—Miss Virginia Thornton leaves today for New York on a visit to her sister.

—G. W. Hardmond, late our New York agent and E. H. Randolph are in this city.

—Our esteemed friend Mr. J. H. Hunt of the Internal Revenue Department has been promoted quite recently to a clerkship. A highly deserved recognition of true merit, Mr. Hunt is a gentleman worthy of the highest consideration and "a true and tried" friend to the oppressed of our race.

—Morans is a good place to buy your shoes. Read his advertisement.

—If you want to find a bargain in Dry Goods, Hosiery and Notions go to Behrend's Baltimore Store 908 7th street, near I. See advertisement.

—The Cedar St. church people now occupy the building on N st. above 17th st, known as Miss Mann's school house. Special services of the church and Sabbath school were held last Sunday.

—The 17th anniversary of Shiloh Baptist Church was to be held to-morrow at their edifice on L st. n. w. During the day the following brethren will be present and officiate Revs. Roane, Gibbons, T. S. Robinson and Waring.

—The memorial exercises of Rev. Henry Sinclair, late Supt. of Galbraith Chapel Sabbath School, L st. bet. 4th and 5th sts. n. w. will take place Sunday Sept. 26th at 2 o'clock p. m., at the chapel.

—Havana Segars 2 1-2 & 5 cts. Clark's.

—Messrs. Allen, Outlaw and Hammond, of the old North State accompanied Mr. O. Hunter in the visit to Marshall Douglass on Monday.

—Rev. D. J. Sanders of Wilmington, N. C. and bride, (nee Miss Price) stopped at Mrs. Brown's.

—Holland Gin Large Bottle $1, Clark's.

—The Sparta club has removed to the LeDroit Building, occupying a suite of rooms. One of the chief attractions is a billiard table. It is proposed to furnish within a short time a parlor and sitting rooms for the reception of visitors and a reading room for the members of the club.

—Milton M. Holland business manager of the *Era*, left the city last Wednesday evening for Columbus Ohio, to take part in the canvass.

—The First Washington Baptist Association commenced its ninth annual meeting at the Fourth Baptist Church, R st. of this city on Tueday Sept. 14th 1880. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. S. Alexander of Georgetown, D. C., at 11 o'clock a. m. The doctrinal sermon was preached by Rev. T. S. Robinson. The sermon on the ministers and Widows funds was delivered by Rev. W. B. Jefferson on Wednesday evening Sept. 15th. The missionary sermon was preached on Thursday evening by the Rev. T. S. Laws. This was so completely the Polity of the Christiah church, so doctrinial in its directions, and so elequent in its delivery, that it was ordered to be published in full in one of the daily news papers at the expense of the Association, also to be printed in full in the minutes of the Association.

The doctor consented to have it printed in the minutes, but refused to have it published in any daily paper.

Among the many things passed the body was the election of the Rev. Dr. Laws a delegate to the National Baptist Convention which meet in Albama in Nov. 1880.

—Rev. J. D. S. Hall, who in a ministry of over thirty years has superintended the construction and remodeling of fifteen or sixteen different churches deserves great credit for the manner in which he thus far has managed the building of the Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, Georgetown. The new edifice the brick work of which was done entirely by colored mechanics cost about 2,500. During a part of the work last week, Mr. Hall met with a painful accident which confined him to his room; he is much better now. This new edifice when completed will be an ornament to Georgetown and one of handsomest churches of the District.

—St. Julien Claret, large bottles, 40 cts, Clark's 10th and F streets n. w.

—The Rev. Mr. St. James has opened a private parochial school at St. Mary's Episcopal church 23d st. near H n. w. All the elementary English branches are taught. This affords parents of children who are unable to gain admission to the public school, owing to their crowded condition a chance for careful training.

—Mr. Stearns organist of St. Mary's Chapel and an attache of the *Era* is also a very talented musician. He has succeeded in organizing a choir highly creditable to himself, the little chapel, the lay reader Mr. St. James. Services each Sunday at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., Sabbath school at 3 p. m.

—The career of Lincoln Mission building as a public hall will be shortly brought to a close. The authorities will not rent it out for fairs, for festivals, for receptions and similar entertainments; but instead, the audience room will be kalsomined, frescoed and otherwise put in first-class order and not many days hence we will have a new Congregation a church in our city. So mote it be.

—The three Sunday Schools of Georgetown held their Union at Ebenezer church last Sunday afternoon. The house was crowded and the exercises, which consisted of essays, declamations, speeches and singing, were interesting throughout. J. C. Beckett superintendent of Ebenezer, delivered a sensible address on "The value of a child's soul." The singing was excellent. The entire collection, amounting to eight or nine dollars was given to Mr. Zion School whose church was recently burnt down. Two gentleman presided at the organ for Mt. Zion and the First Baptist School, and Miss Gussie Black, with her accustomed graceful execution on the organ, performed the honors for Ebenezer School.

—Best Flour 4 cents. Clark's.

—The services at the 15th St. Presbyterian church last Sunday were interesting. The day was fine and the attendance large. Rev. Grimke preached an able sermon, from Ephesians 3rd 19th, "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." He spoke 1st the supreme love of Christ, 2d the knowledge of such love, He dwelt upon the privilege of prayer and the answer to prayer. Studying the bible he contended was a sure means of knowing the love of Christ. At the close of the service the ordinance of baptism was administered to the daughter of Mr. Lankins and Robert Henry Merriwether the son of Supt. Merriwether. The choir was led by that sweet singer Mr. Butler who worthily filled Mr. Grant's station as leader. The music was fine.

—Rock and Rye whiskey 75 cts. large bottle, Clarke 10th and F,

—The Misses Lulu, Binnie Contee and Ella V. Chase returned to this city after summer vacation. They attended services at 15th St. Presbyterian church Sunday morning, Miss E. V. Chase accompanied by Mr. Chas. Hill of Montgomery county Md. and Mr Chas. Waters of the same county accompanied Miss Lulu Contee. Cadet Whittaker attended Sabbath School and 11 o'clock services.

—Java & Mocha coffee roasted, 35 cts. Clarks

—The pastor's weekly meetings which meet on Mondays generally at 3 p. m. for expositions of sermons and general scriptural topics will meet at the Law's Seminary in South Washington on Monday next and continue regularly to June 1st 1880.

They met at the Shiloh Baptist church on Monday 20th and chose Rev. Dr. W. J. Walker as moderator, and adjourned to meet at the above named place on Monday next at 3 p. m.

The following order was made on motion of Dr. Laws: That the PEOPLE'S ADVOCATE and the *National Era* be made the organ of our transactions for insertions and advertisements from time to time.

—Granulated Sugar 11 cts. Clarks.

—Once it was considered a great offense, if any body not being a member of the official board, was seen in the meeting of quatrerly conference, of the A. M. E. Church. But now such old fashionism is done away, or passing away, and not only church members are invited to be present at the quarterly conference, but members of the congregation and strangers. The Old Church is moving on.

—Bird Seed all Kinds cents Clarks.

—We see from the *New Era*, that a colored preacher's union has been organized in Charleston S. C., not of Methodist preachers only, but preachers of all the different denominations in the city. Brother Stevenson we thought was first in this great movement but the brethren in the old Palmetto State have gone a head of you, have they not?

—There was a good time at Isreal Bethel last Sabbath.

—The people of Union Bethel turned out *en masse* last Sabbath in the morning, at noon, and night, and they gave the presiding elder a handsome collection. This seems to indicates that the church is prospering and that a feeling is existing between the pastor and people.

—Club Punch large bottle 75 cts. Clarks 10th & F.

C. C. G.

A grand entertainment was given at the residence of Mr. M. A. Gray on Wednesday the 15th inst., by the Capital City Guards. Among those present were the Misses Giles, E Williams and G Foster; of gentlemen, R Hill, J Scett, W Tabb, J Wilfiams and others.

Addresses were made by J Price, N Ellis and W Gault. Mr. R. J. Perry being invited by the Company, made an eloquent speech, congratulating the Guards on their fine appearance, and peminded them of their duty as soldiers. In speaking of the war he said that hundreds of colored men hpd distinguished themselves for coouage and bravery, but it would go down to posterity as unwritten history. He closed with an eloquent tribute to the countless thousands who laid down their lives for freedom and their country. During his remarks, Mr. Perry was loudly applauded. At eleven p. m. all present retired to the Festive Board and after eating heartily, tendered a vote of thanks to Mr. Gray, and at 12 o'clock left for home well satisfied with the events of the evening.

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